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SUBJECT: REQUESTED THORN'S BRIEFING

REF: LUXEMBOURG 142

1. USUN RECOMMENDS POSITIVE RESPONSE TO THORN'S INVITATION OF
USG VIEWS ON HOW HE CAN BEST HANDLE UNGA PRESIDENCY, PARTICULARLY
IF SENIOR IO OFFICER WILL BE VISITING EUROPE IN NEXT FEW WEEKS.
AS TACTIC, BELIEVE IT DESIRABLE STRESS TO THORN THAT HIS MOST
CRITICAL RESPONSIBILITY IS ONE THAT WOULD BE SECOND NATURE TO
HIM -- TO WIELD GAVEL IMPARTIALLY. HE COULD BE ASSURED THAT UNDER-
SECRETARY BRADFORD MORSE AND STAFF WILL PROVIDE HIM WITH IMPARTIAL,
SKILLED COUNSEL AND ADVICE ON RULES AND PRECEDENTS OF GA PROCEDURE.
WHILE IT MIGHT BE USEFUL TO IMPRESS THORN WITH OUR DESIRE TO
AVOID CONFRONTATION, IT IS PERHAPS TOO EARLY TO DISCUSS SPECIFIC
ISSUES.

2. AT LEAST UNTIL THORN IS OFFICIALLY PRESENTED AS WEO CANDIDATE
FOR GA PRESIDENCY, US HAS STRONG INTEREST IN PROTECTING PRIVACY
OF CONSULTATIONS WITH THORN. WE WOULD NOT WISH OTHER CANDIDATES
TO THINK WE ARE COUNTING THEM OUT. IT SHOULD BE EMPHASIZED
TO WURTH THAT AS GA PRESIDENT THORN WOULD HAVE RESPONSIBILITY
AS WELL AS PRIVILEGE TO CONSULTING WITH ALL MEMBERS DESIRING SUCH
CONSULTATION. IT FACT, ONCE ELECTION RECOGNIZED AS ASSURED,
UN COMMUNITY WILL CONSIDER OPEN CONSULTATIONS WITH US OR ANYONE
ELSE NORMAL AND APPROPRIATE.

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